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*Negative*.—Messrs. Dorsey, Wells, Sellman and Davis—4.

So the first branch of the amendment was agreed to.

The question was then taken on the second branch of the amendment, which was in the following words:

“And one or more commissioners learned in the law, whose duty it shall be to revise, simplify and abridge the rules and practice, pleadings, forms and proceedings of the courts of record in this State.”

The result was as follows:

*Affirmative*.—Messrs. Chapman, President, Morgan, Blakistone, Dent, Ricaud, Lee, Weems, Buchanan, Bell, Welch, Lloyd, Dickinson, Sherwood, of Talbot, John Dennis, James U. Dennis, Williams, Hodson, Phelps, McCullough, Miller, McCubbin, Bowling, George, Wright, Dirickson, Hearn, Jacobs, Thomas, Shriver, Biser, Annan, Stephenson, McHenry, Magraw, Nelson, Carter, Thawley, Stewart, of Caroline, Gwinn, Brent, of Baltimore city, Ware, Schley, Fiery, Neill, Harbine, Kilgour, Brewer, Waters, Anderson, Weber, Hollyday, Fitzpatrick, Smith, Parke, Ege, Shower, Cockey and Brown—58.

*Negative*.—Messrs. Chambers, of Kent, Dorsey, Wells, Sellman, Goldsborough, Tuck, Sprigg and Davis—8.

So the second branch of the amendment was agreed to.

The question was then taken on the third branch of the amendment, which was in the following words:

“And report the same to the Legislature for adoption.”

The result was as follows:

*Affirmative*.—Messrs. Chapman, President, Morgan, Blakistone, Dent, Ricaud, Lee, Chambers, of Kent, Sellman, Weems, Bond, Buchanan, Bell, Welch, Lloyd, Dickinson, Sherwood, of Talbot, John Dennis, James U. Dennis, Williams, Hodson, Goldsborough, Phelps, McCullough, Miller, Tuck, Sprigg, McCubbin, Bowling, George, Wright, Dirickson, Hearn, Jacobs, Thomas, Shriver, Biser, Annan, Stephenson, McHenry, Magraw, Nelson, Carter, Thawley, Stewart, of Caroline, Gwinn, Brent, of Baltimore city, Ware, Schley, Fiery, Neill, Harbine, Davis, Brewer, Waters, Anderson, Weber, Hollyday, Fitzpatrick, Smith, Parke, Ege, Shower, Cockey and Brown—63.

*Negative*.—Messrs. Dorsey and Wells—2.

So the third branch of the amendment was agreed to.

The question was then taken on the fourth and last branch of the amendment, as follows:

“And it shall be the duty of the Legislature at the expiration of every subsequent period of ten years after the adoption and promulgation of the code of laws, to have published and promulgated all the Statute Laws of this State then in force.”

And the result was as follows:

*Affirmative*.—Messrs. Chapman, President, Morgan, Blakistone, Dent, Ricaud, Lee, Chambers, of Kent, Weems, Buchanan, Bell, Welch, Lloyd, Dickinson, Sherwood, of Talbot, John Dennis, James U. Dennis, Williams, Hodson, McCullough, Miller, Tuck, Sprigg, McCubbin, Bowling, George, Wright, Dirickson, Hearn, Thomas, Shriver, Biser, Annan, Stephenson, McHenry, Magraw, Nelson, Carter, Thawley, Stewart, of Caroline, Brent, of Baltimore city, Ware, Schley, Fiery, Neill, Harbine, Davis, Kilgour, Brewer, Waters, Anderson, Weber, Hollyday, Fitzpatrick, Smith, Parke, Ege, Shower, Cockey and Brown—62.

*Negative*.—Messrs. Dorsey, Wells, Sellman, Goldsborough, Phelps and Gwinn—6.

So the fourth and last branch of the amendment was agreed to.

The question then recurred on the amendment proposed by Mr. SPENCER, as a substitute for the said section, as amended.

Some conversation followed on a point of order.

Mr. DORSEY directed the attention of the Convention to that part of the amendment of Mr. SCHLEY, which proposed that the Legislature should appoint, *one or more*, commissioners to codify, &c.

Mr. DORSEY thought that a provision, so indefinite, ought not to be incorporated into the Constitution. The number of commissioners might be so multiplied, that there would be no responsibility any where, as to the manner in which the work should be done. The result probably might be, that the character of the work might be such as to render it of no value. The expense, under such a system, would probably be double under the plan proposed by himself.

Mr. D. was also opposed to the other part of the amendment of the gentleman, which provided for the appointment of commissioners, in relation to pleadings, &c. He thought that the Convention ought to pause before giving such powers to any commissioners. Under the power thus given, the commissioners might abolish special pleading altogether. The gentleman had stated that he had no such intention.

Mr. D. had no doubt as to the gentleman's intention. But the language of the amendment was unlimited, and gave the power to the commissioners to do as they pleased. Great expense would also be incurred, without the attainment of any commensurate object.

Mr. D. then briefly explained the character of